

REMARKS

Claims 2, 7, 9, and 11-14 stand withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected species. It is noted that new claims 34 and 36 depend from the claims standing withdrawn from consideration.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 8, 2007 states that claims 34 and 36 are considered non-compliant because they are identified as "new" instead of "new-withdrawn". Claims 34 and 36 should now be considered compliant and entered.

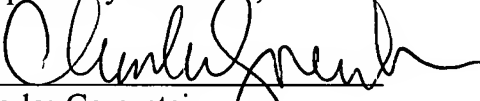
For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of (703) 205-8000.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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